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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FORREST ET AL.

Examiner

Scott R. Wilson

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 6-17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/17/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in-

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or

(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lazarev et al.. As to claim 1, Lazarev et al., Figure 13, discloses (paragraph [0112]) an organic photodetector comprising: an anode (3); an active region comprising one or more subcells (22) in series, wherein each subcell comprises an organic electron donor layer (11) and an organic electron acceptor layer (12), wherein the thicknesses of the organic electron donor layer and the organic electron acceptor layer are low enough to allow tunneling, since the electron-hole recombination region (23) is about 5 Å (paragraph [0118]); an exciton blocking layer, which is disclosed (paragraph [0100]) in the embodiment of Figure 9a as layer (16); and a cathode (20), wherein the anode comprises a material having a work function greater than about 4.6 eV, embodied as gold, with work function 5.1 eV.

As to claim 2, the scale of Lazarev et al. Figure 13 indicates that since the electron-hole recombination region (23) is about 5 Å in thickness (paragraph [0118]), the electron donor (11) and acceptor layers (12) are within the scope of being less than about 30 Å.

As to claim 3, Lazarev et al., paragraph [0085], last line, discloses that the exciton blocking layer comprises BCP.

As to claim 4, Lazarev et al., Figure 13, discloses that the anode (3) is coated with a p-type doped organic layer (uppermost layer (11)).

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As to claim 5, Lazarev et al., paragraph [0149], discloses that the anode may comprise ITO.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-11 are allowed. No prior art discloses the claimed device with the electron affinity of the organic acceptor layer about 0.3 eV less than the work function of the anode.

Claims 12-17 are allowed. No prior art discloses the claimed device with an anode and an adjacent organic electron donor layer with thickness greater than the organic electron donor layer or organic electron acceptor layer of neighboring subcells.


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott R. Wilson whose telephone number is 571-272-1925. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 4:30 Eastern.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on 571-272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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